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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE

FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE PREPARED FOR USE AT NOON STATE DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING MARCH 7, 1977. QUOTE: Q. WHAT COMMENTS DO YOU HAVE ON PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO'S REMARKS REPORTED IN THE PRESS THAT THE U.S. HAS A COMMITMENT TO DO SO BUT IS REFUSING GRANTS FOR ARMS TO PAKISTAN? A. WE VALUE OUR LONGSTANDING RELATIONSHIP WITH PAKISTAN AND TRUST IT WILL CONTINUE IN THE FUTURE. THE 1959 BILATERAL AGREEMENT CALLS FOR CONSULTATIONS ON DEFENSE MATTERS OF MUTUAL CONCERN UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS; HOWEVER, IT DOES NOT REQUIRE THE SUPPLY OF ARMS TO PAKISTAN. Q. HAS PAKISTAN ASKED FOR WEAPONS ON A GRANT OR CREDIT BASIS? WHAT WOULD BE THE ADMINISTRATION'S REACTION TO SUCH A FORMAL REQUEST? A. OUR CURRENT POLICY WITH REGARD TO LIMITED SALES OF WEAPONS TO PAKISTAN (AND INDIA) STIPULATES THAT ANY ARMS PROVIDED WILL BE SOLD FOR CASH. AS YOU KNOW, OUR GLOBAL ARMS TRANSFER POLICY IS NOW UNDER REVIEW. Q. ARE WE GOING TO SUPPLY A-7S TO PAKISTAN? A. THE A-7 SALE IS UNDER REVIEW IN THE CONTEXT OF OUR GLOBAL POLICY REVIEW. Q. WHAT COM-

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MENT DO YOU HAVE ON THE POSSIBILITY OF PAKISTAN'S OBTAINING A SO-CALLED "NUCLEAR OPTION"? A. OUR CONCERNS OVER NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION ARE WELL KNOWN TO ALL. END QUOTE.
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